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Box PATENT APPLICATION
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: Detection of a Gene, *vatD*, Encoding an
Acetyltransferase Inactivating Streptogramin
Inventor(s): J. Haroche et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 48 pages, including 6 independent claim(s) and 41 claims total.
2. Drawings - 3 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1-3).
3. Preliminary Amendment.
4. Request for Approval of Drawing Change.
5. A check for \$1,562.00 representing a \$690.00 filing fee and \$872.00 for additional claims fees.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/146,141 filed July 30, 1999.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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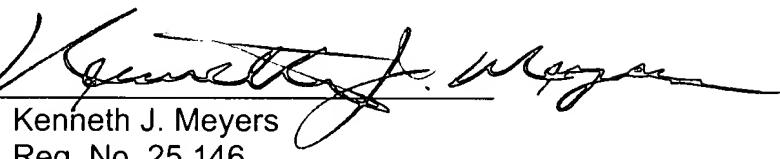
Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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